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Dear Friend:

*In order to truly serve the people they were elected to represent, legislators need to hear from their constituents about important issues affecting their lives. Personally contacting your elected representatives is one of the most effective ways to get involved in the political process.*

This activity, commonly known as “lobbying,” is all too often associated with paid professionals or Capitol “insiders.” The most common form of lobbying, however, is undertaken by average citizens.

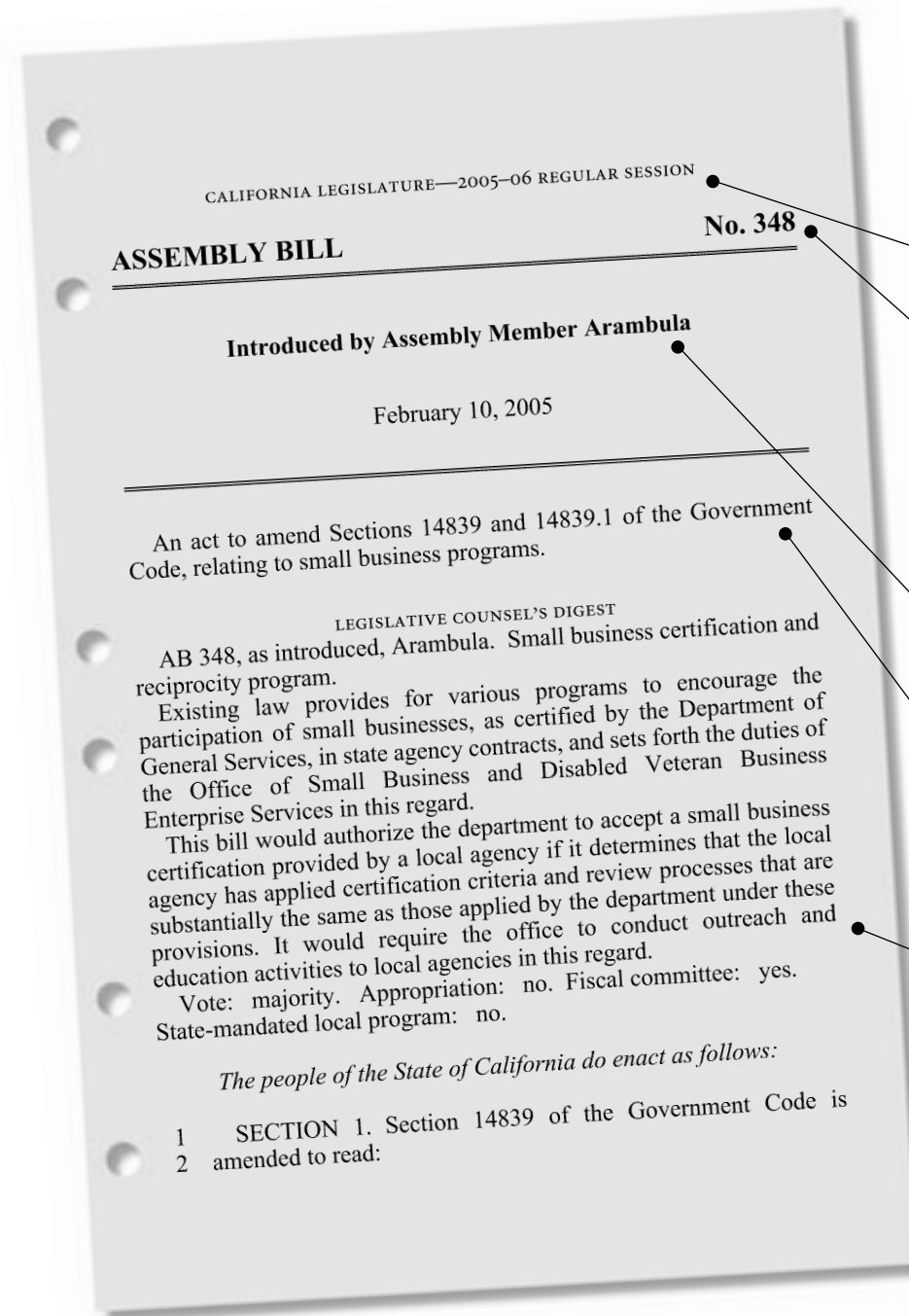
This booklet explains how to read a bill so that you are better able to understand legislation that may affect you and your family. By following these basic tips, you can make your communications more effective and help guarantee a more persuasive lobbying effort.

Please call or write to me if you have any questions or concerns about a state matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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## READING AN ASSEMBLY BILL

INDICATES  
HOUSE OF  
ORIGIN

BILLS ARE  
NUMBERED  
SEQUENTIALLY  
IN EACH HOUSE  
OVER THE  
TWO-YEAR  
LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION

AUTHOR AND  
CO-AUTHORS OF  
THE BILL

CALIFORNIA  
CODE SECTIONS  
AFFECTED

LEGISLATIVE  
COUNSEL'S  
SUMMARY OF  
THE MEASURE,  
FOLLOWED BY  
THE TEXT OF THE  
BILL